**Mr. C. J. Mathew.**—The files relating to the admissibility of questions for the years 1100 and 1101 have been destroyed under orders. It is not therefore possible to supply the information.

**Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.**—May I know where was the necessity to destroy them?

**Mr. C. J. Mathew.**—Because, Government did not think any useful purpose will be served by reserving them in stock.

**Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.**—It is only two years old.

**Mr. C. J. Mathew.**—Files of 1100 and 1101—They are more than 6 years old.

**Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.**—Then what about the remaining ones?

**Mr. C. J. Mathew.**—The question is with regard to the whole time ever since the Council was inaugurated. I cannot answer that question because files of 1100 and 1101 have been destroyed.

**Mr. George Chakyamuri.**—Could not they answer the question with regard to the remaining years?

**Mr. C. J. Mathew.**—The answer will not be complete then. The question is with regard to the total number of disallowed questions ever after the Cochin Legislative Council was established.

**Mr. George Chakyamuri.**—Can he not at least give the numbers with regard to the remaining years, including the present Council?

**Mr. C. J. Mathew.**—If a fresh question is put asking for the information from the year 1102 onwards, the answer can be easily furnished.

## Intimation of disallowed questions to Members—mention of authority for disallowing.

**160. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.**—Will the Government be pleased to state whether in intimations to members about disallowed questions all the sections and sub-sections warranting the disallowance are not mentioned?

**Mr. C. J. Mathew.**—Yes. They are mentioned.

## Refusal to lend to Members originals of their questions.

**161. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.**—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) the grounds on which they refused to lend the Members of this House with the originals of their own respective questions;

(b) the practice followed in the matter ever so long?

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**Mr. C. J. Mathew.**—(a) As the originals of questions formed part of the office file.

(b) No precedent of lending the originals of questions is forthcoming.

**Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.**—Is there any objection in giving copies if not originals?

**Mr. C. J. Mathew.**—I cannot give an off-hand reply. The matter will be considered.

**Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.**—Was there any previous instance where originals were supplied to the members?

**Mr. C. J. Mathew.**—None.

## Number of questions disallowed after 18th Meenam 1108.

162. **Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.**—Will the Government be pleased to state the total number of disallowed questions ever after 18th Meenam 1108?

**Rama Varmha Tampuran.**—Since the subject of the question relates to the duties of the President, the Government did not consider it proper to call for details.

**Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.**—Will the answering of this question reflect any discredit on the President?

**President.**—That is no supplementary question. I disallow it.

**Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.**—Sir, does not this question ask for only certain facts? Does it in any way call in question the discretion used by the President? It can as well be that the Council Members do ask unnecessary questions or questions which do not come within the purview of the Council Rules and the President have disallowed them.

**Rama Varmha Tampuran.**—The Government thought it relates to the duty of the President and that therefore it will not be proper to ask the President or his office about this.

**Dr. A. R. Menon.**—We do not ask for the reason for disallowing questions. There is no disrespect to the President to say whether it is 29 or 45.

**Rama Varmha Tampuran.**—Whatever it be, the subject relates to the duty of the President, whether they are giving the number or not. Government will not be quite correct in asking for anything connected with the duty of the President in discharging functions of the Council.

**Dr. A. R. Menon.**—The question asked for is, will the Government be pleased to state the number of disallowed questions ever after 18th March 1933. There is no reflection at all about the President. I can understand if the reasons for the

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